

"The Calvilles of course are not peculiar to the Crimea, but are rather widely grown throughout southwestern Europe, especially in espalier and cordon methods of training. This seedling impresses me as of better texture and quality than any of them and certainly is well worth keeping an eye on."

**MALUS SYLVESTRIS** (Malaceae), 9471. **Apple.** Nearly twenty years ago, when the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction was still young, David Fairchild, now in charge of the office, and Mr. Barbour Lathrop were engaged in extensive agricultural explorations in various parts of the world. This work was conducted largely at Mr. Lathrop's expense. In the course of their travels, Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild visited Italy and while in Naples they discovered the "Melo gelato" apple. This variety was being sold on the streets and its unusual aroma attracted the attention of the two explorers. Through Prof. L. Savastano arrangements were made to send some scions of the apple to the Department at the proper season. The scions arrived March 14, 1903, with the following note:

"Apple - 'Melo gelato.' Grows well in warm regions about Naples. In cold countries the yield is poor. It does best in calcareous soil." (Fairchild.)

Nearly a hundred scions were received and the records show that they were widely distributed, going to California, Texas, Arkansas, Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, and several other states. Thirty-three of the scions were placed at the disposal of the Office of Horticultural and Pomological Investigations in the Bureau of Plant Industry and distributed by that office. A few were propagated at the Arlington Experimental Farm near Washington, and the young trees planted in the experimental orchard. In 1904 a number of reports came in to the effect that the scions had been received and were growing, and then the apple dropped out of sight until this year (1922) when it fruited at the Arlington Farm. What happened to the remaining widely distributed material is not known. Following is a description of the fruit as produced at Arlington:

**Melo gelato.** No. 9471. Naples, Italy. Introduced in March, 1903.

Fruit medium to rather small; generally uniform in size and shape; form roundish; flattened at the stem end; stem slender, short; cavity acute,